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UNITED STATES ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMAND
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

August 16, 2001

Freedom of Information/
Privacy Office

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Mr. Ernie Lazar
P.O. Box 423434
San Francisco, California 94142-3434

Dear Mr. Lazar:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of December 29, 1998, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), for information concerning Mrs. Lyrl Van Hyning. The FBI, on June 29, 2001, forwarded your request to the Department of the Army, Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Office, along with FBI records containing classified Army-originated records, retrieved from their files to this office for a releasability determination. This correspondence was referred through appropriate military channels and was received in this office August 14, 2001.

We have completed a mandatory declassification review of the referred classified Army-originated records in accordance with Executive Order 12958. As a result of this review, we have determined that the records no longer warrant security classification protection and are partially releasable to you. The records are enclosed for your use. Fees for processing this request are waived.

Since the release of some of the information deleted from these records would result in an unwarranted invasion of the privacy rights of the individuals concerned, this information is exempt from the public disclosure provisions of the FOIA pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(7)(C).

The withholding of the information described above is a partial denial of your request. This denial is made on behalf of Brigadier General Keith B. Alexander, the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, who is the Initial Denial Authority for Army intelligence investigative and security records under the FOIA. You have the right to appeal this decision to the Secretary of the Army. If you wish to file an appeal, you should forward it to this office. Your appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. After the 60-day period, the case may be considered closed; however, such closure does not preclude you from filing litigation in the courts.

In addition, we have been informed by the FBI that their information is exempt from the public disclosure provisions of the FOIA pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(7)(C). To aid you in identifying their information, we have bracketed it in black.

The withholding of the information by the FBI constitutes a partial denial of your request. If you decide to file an appeal, it should be sent to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, DC 20530-0001 within 60 days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal". Please cite the FBI FOI/PA #918702 assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

If you have any questions concerning this action, contact Ms. Kelley at (301) 677-4908. Please refer to case #1294F-01.

Sincerely,

Russell A. Nichols

Russell A. Nichols
Chief, Freedom of Information/
Privacy Office

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WAR DEPARTMENT
SECURITY & INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
Sixth Service Command
20 North Wacker Drive
Chicago 6, Illinois
(Office of Headquarters)

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Chicago 6, Illinois
(Place)

21 February 1944
(Date)

Subject: WE, THE MOTHERS MOBILIZE FOR AMERICA, INC.

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Summary of Information:

The following information has been received from a reliable source:

Subject organization held a meeting at DePaul Hall, Chicago, Illinois on 31 January 1944. Approximately 200 people attended the meeting, most of whom were middle-aged women. The chairman of the meeting was ( ), vice president of the organization, and the speakers were ( ), MRS. VAN RYNING and ( ).

The speech of ( ) was almost entirely made up of direct quotations from ( ), which had been included in an issue of the Congressional Record. In fact, all that ( ) added to ( ) words was simply comments of praise and emphasis. The significant thing in connection with ( ) speech is that it was announced that he is heading some organization formed on behalf of prisoners of war. The formal name of this organization was not obtained.

( ) in his speech made the statement with which the audience seemed to concur, that it was not advisable in this election year for We, the Mothers to affiliate itself with a third party or to attempt to organize one, but that it must work through the existing political parties. He did not specifically indicate that the group should work principally through the Republican or the Democratic Parties.

MRS. VAN RYNING delivered a very effective speech which climaxed in an impassioned appeal for a negotiated peace at once. She did not in her talk, however, suggest any direct action, such as letters to Congressmen, etc. Her entire talk was directed against Britain. She stated that England not only wanted the United States back in the status of a British colony, but that she wanted the whole of South America as well. Mrs. VAN RYNING spent part of her time discussing the organization

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named "Union Now". She claimed to have several times gone to the office of "Union Now" to ask about that organization's purpose, each time finding that the "Union Now" people were most vague about what rights and privileges the United States would retain if their plans were adopted.

( ) is an organizer of subject organization at Los Angeles, California. She bitterly told stories of servicemen having no place to sleep so that they were forced to sleep in gutters and in the streets. ( ) who was presiding, interjected that she had spoken to her son who is in the service, over long distance telephone the previous night. She said that she had sent $45.00 to her son during the last ten days in response to his request. She asked him over the telephone why he needed the money and stated that he had replied, "to get something to eat mother". She said that he said that the army gave him no decent place to sleep, and hardly any food and that he had been forced to sleep on the ground underneath the bleachers of a race track in California.

At the close of the meeting MRS. VAN DYNING announced that subject organization would meet every two weeks from this time on. The next meeting was announced as a special one in connection with Lincoln's birthday to be held 12 February 1944. Following the meeting, informant was in conversation with ( ) She made the remark that soldiers were even being pushed overboard from ships on the ocean. She also said, "I just came back from Boston and on the way back I talked with our boys all the way, and do you know what they all said? They said, 'We're going to kill those damn Jews that got us into this!'" ( ) said that she had two daughters who put in all their time doing volunteer work for Mr. the Mothers. She urged the informant to attend coming meetings of the Citizens' USA Committee of which she is presumably a member.

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Sixth Service Command
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Chicago 6, Illinois

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13 April 1944
(Date)

Subject: ( ) [redacted] 67c (per FBI)

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Summary of Information:

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( ) AAF, Mid-Central Procurement District, Chicago, reported to this office that he had been advised by ( ) that a ( ) of that address, associated with a man named ( ) (reportedly active in the American Front Organization), was inducted into the Army about the first of March and is appearing in civilian clothes. ( ) is reported to have stated that he had received a medical discharge. (B-3)

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Information on file in this office indicates that one, ( ) former staff member of SCRIBNER'S COMMENTATOR, one of the publications employed in the conspiracy in which twenty-eight individuals were indicted on charges of conspiring to influence the loyalty, morale and discipline of the military and naval forces of the United States, was subpoenaed to appear before the Federal Grand Jury investigating seditious activities. (F-0)

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Further information indicates that ( ) is very anti-British and anti-Semitic and was formerly an aide of ( ) now in prison for being a Japanese agent. (F-0)

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On 30 April 1943, ( ) in one of his book reviews in the DePaul Bldg., stated that he had been classified 1-A and expected to be drafted soon but that he "would continue his ~~work in the army~~". (F-0)

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
HEADQUARTERS, SIXTH SERVICE COMMAND
CHICAGO 6, ILLINOIS

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5 June 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO:
SPJIB 080

Mr. Spencer J. Drayton
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
P.O. Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Drayton:

The inclosed document is sent to you for your information and such action as you may deem advisable.

For the Director:

Very truly,

(b)(7)(C)

Asst. Chief, Domestic Intelligence Section
Security and Intelligence Division

Incl.
Copy of Sum. of Inf. dtd 22 May 1944, 1st SC,
Subject: Peace Now Movement.

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Headquarters First Service Command

Office of the Director, Intelligence Division

(Office of Headquarters) 808 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston 15, Massachusetts
(Place)

22 May 1944
(Date)

Subject: PEACE NOW MOVEMENT
Cambridge, Massachusetts,
Correspondence on "WE, THE MOTHERS, MOBILIZE FOR AMERICA, INC."

Summary of Information:

Copies of correspondence between officers of the PEACE NOW Movement, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and WE, THE MOTHERS MOBILIZE FOR AMERICA, INC., Chicago, Illinois, in which ( ) national chairman of PEACE NOW, expressed his "hearty endorsement" of the plans of the Chicago organization for a peace convention, have been made available to this office by a reliable informant. (b)(7)(C)

The peace convention sponsored by WE, THE MOTHERS, MOBILIZE FOR AMERICA, INC., will be held in Chicago 12 and 13 June 1944, according to the correspondence.

In a letter dated 6 May 1944, addressed to ( ) corresponding secretary of PEACE NOW, Lyrl Clark VAN HYNING of the WE, THE MOTHERS group acknowledged receipt of PEACE NOW literature and declared that she could find "no point of divergence between your conviction and objectives and our own." (b)(7)(C)

VAN HYNING enclosed a mimeographed letter being distributed by WE, THE MOTHERS inviting the "Betrayed Mothers of America" to the peace convention in Chicago to "reason together and investigate the possibilities and effect of an immediate Armistice and a statement of war aims with a negotiated peace." The mimeographed letter blames the war on the "moneyerats" and asserts that unconditional surrender and a dictated peace would require policing the world, which means that "you will never again have your boy at home."

( ) of the WE, THE MOTHERS group, in a letter dated 9 May 1944, inquired whether the PEACE NOW Movement would send delegates to the peace convention. (b)(7)(C)

Replying to these two letters, ( ) wrote on 13 May 1944 that he thought the idea of a peace convention was "excellent". He said that he did not know whether PEACE NOW could send delegates to the convention because they were not familiar with the "qualities" of PEACE NOW's supporters in Illinois, but he added that if he could locate some interested people he would forward their names and hoped that they would be invited to attend the convention as "informal observers and participants, if not official (b)(7)(C)

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Chicago, Illinois
(Place)

7 October 1944
(Date)

Subject: Regular Meeting, We, the Mothers Mobilize for America, Room 730, Kimball Hall, Jackson & Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., 3 Oct. 1944.

Summary of Information:

The following information was received by a reliable informant.

" Forty four persons attended this meeting, 8 men were included in this number. The meeting was called to order at 8:25 P.M. by Mrs. Lyrl Van Hyning, President of the organization, who was Chairman. She opened her remarks with a definition of the Lord's Prayer and explained how it should be said. Following this the assembly stood at attention and said the Lord's Prayer and pledged allegiance to the American Flag.

Mrs. Van Hyning then introduced the main speaker of the evening a( ), an employee of the Brentano Book Store, 29 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Illinois. (b)(7)(c)

( ) showed a movie on General Robert E. Lee and stated that in about 18 years she made a study of great men and one of these men was General Robert E. Lee. He was a great soldier and as a matter of fact one of the greatest in American history. She then went on to describe her visits to General Lee's homestead and eulogized his life from birth until death. The movie was a description of General Lee, step by step from the time of his entrance into West Point until the time of his death in seclusion at his daughter's home.

The next speaker was Mrs. Van Hyning. Her speech was, "Our American Heritage" in which she stated that the machinations of war are the works of man. She then described her forefathers coming to this country and claimed relationship to George Rogers Clark of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. She then announced the atrocity of the men responsible for denying( ) of the Constitutional Americans a place to meet. She put the blame on( ) of the Jewish Sentinel as the responsible party for this act. She also blamed( ) for being the cause of We, the Mothers Mobilize for America losing their office space at 539 S. Dearborn Street. We, the Mothers were given orders to move. She further stated that( ) was a member of the anti-Defamation League which is causing a lot of trouble in this country. (b)(7)(c)

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Subject: Regular Meeting, We, the Mothers Mobilize for America, Room 730, Kimball Hall, Jackson & Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., 3 October 1944 — 7 October 1944

Summary of Information:

Mrs. Van Hyning then tiraded Mr. Walter Winchell, a commentator on a radio station as being a liar, a cur, and a stupid ass. She also said that he was not an American at heart. "We are Nationalists and we are against totalitarianism in any form", said Van Hyning. She then condemned the Railroad Trainmen Magazine, the Women's Magazine and the Sentinel, for writing articles detrimental to the Mothers organizations. She praised the Women's Voice a tabloid printed by We, the Mothers organization as a truthful newspaper which should be read by everyone in this country.

Mrs. Van Hyning then criticized [redacted] (b)(7)(c) of the Political Action Committee and the C.I.O. She asked for the immediate trial of Admiral Kimmel and said that the public was entitled to know the truth about Pearl Harbor where so many of our boys lost their lives. "No war has ever been fought for the good of the people and no good Christian can justify war", said Mrs. Van Hyning. "Any Churchman who condones his desire for war is not a good Christian".

She then praised Gerald L. K. Smith for (b)(7)(c) having courage and was in favor of him being President of these United States. She stated that the New Deal must be repudiated and that we Nationalists must vote for Dewey to keep the Isolationists out of concentration camps. "After Dewey is elected President we will then have time to plan for a Third Party with Gerald L. K. Smith as our leader and defeat Dewey. In the meantime we will have a breathing spell. I urge all members of this organization and their friends to vote for Dewey in order to repudiate the New Deal." She then praised [redacted] as a great men in a noble cause and said that she was proud to be on the same platform with him and other Nationalists at their Third Party convention in Detroit recently.

She called Wendell Willkie a "pompous little ass", who didn't know what he was talking about. She said she is in favor of [redacted] (b)(7)(c) election as representative in Congress and said that we must remember that we are hiring our public servants with our votes "so vote for [redacted] and also for Dewey to keep Gerald L.K. Smith out of a concentration camp."

She then held a forum on the United States Constitution with a question and answer period. Following this she asked for a collection which was taken up and amounted to about $10.00. She then announced a very interesting evening will be had at the next meeting Tuesday, 10 October at this same address.

The meeting closed at 10:20 in an orderly manner."

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HEADQUARTERS, SIXTH SERVICE COMMAND
CHICAGO 6, ILLINOIS

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10 October 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO:
SPJIB 080

Mr. Spencer J. Drayton
Special Agent in Charge, FBI
P. O. Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Drayton:

The inclosed communication is forwarded for your information.

For the Director:

Sincerely yours,

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Asst. Chief, Domestic Intelligence Section
Security and Intelligence Division

1 Incl.
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Room [illegible], Chicago Headquarters.
(Office of Headquarters)
Chicago 6, Illinois District No. 3
(Place)

Regular Meeting, We, the Mothers Mobilize for America, Inc., Kimball Hall, Jackson & Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., 10 October 1944.
(Date)

Subject:

Summary of Information:

The following information was received by a reliable informant:

"There were 5 men and 29 women present when the above meeting was called to order at 2030. Mrs. Lyrl Van Hyning was Chairman. The meeting opened with the assembly saying the Lord's Prayer and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

"Mrs. Van Hyning then introduced ( ) of Boston, Mass., whose theme was, 'Our American Heritage'. (b)(7)(c)

( ) first spoke of the interesting ports and the historical background of Boston, Mass., and then complimented the wonderful organizations in Chicago, such as We, the Mothers. She then stated that the men in this country who carried the political ball for a long time and the women have done nothing about it. It is now time that the women did something about it politically. Most of us women have sons or husbands or brothers fighting in this war and we must carry on on the home front so they will know what they are fighting for: The American Way of Life. We have freedom of enterprise and the boys expect to find it the same way when they return. This is the greatest nation in the world and since the last three years our factories have proved it by turning out the equipment we need for our Armed Forces in abundance. We have people who came to our shores from foreign countries and brought us their foreign ideologies. They are working to tear down all our Christian American ideologies that we have built up and substitute their foreign stuff. If we send back to office the same administration that is now in Washington we will lose our government. We have two choices for President and I hope we send a Republican back, Mr. Dewey. The last 12 years we have been sold a bill of goods by the Roosevelt Administration. We as Americans aim to support our government but not for our government to support us.

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Subject: We, the Mothers Mobilize for America, 10 October 1944. 13 October 1944

Summary of Information:

"Our government today is a non-producer, because America has become a Santa Claus and we are supporting the whole world. The Roosevelt Administration for the past 12 years has sowed hate and dissention in our country. Prior to this administration no one group has ever been questioned about religion, race or creed or color. What brought this about? Of course it was the men in Washington. If they are re-elected, it is the end of Americanism and all I can foresee is destruction.

"Liberty is your heritage in this country, so what are you going to do about it?

"What is your obligation? Well, you must see that an American is elected as President, and that one must be a Republican. This is your American heritage and you must carry on.

"Mrs. Van Hyning then spoke about the political situation at the present time in this country and stated that we are electing servants for the American people but we do not hire bosses in our American election. We will never give up our freedom and we will fight to save America. We must elect such men as ( ) and ( ) to Congress because we are fighting a deadly system which is trying to destroy this country. I am in favor of a Third Party, but at the present time a Third Party is immature. Therefore we must vote for a Republican candidate, Mr. Dewey and perhaps four years later we may be able to put over our Third Party.

"Van Hyning then praised the speech made by Harry A. Romer, nominee for Vice-President on the Third Party ticket of Gerald L. K. Smith. She also condemned this present war as a lie and stated that any Christian nation or individual who favors war cannot be any good.

"A collection was taken up at this time which amounted to about $5.00.

"The meeting closed in an orderly manner at 10:05 P.M."

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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16 October 1944

Mr. Spencer J. Drayton
Special Agent in Charge, FBI
P. O. Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Drayton:

The inclosed communication is forwarded for your information.

For the Director:

Very truly yours.

(b)(7)(c)

Chief, Domestic Intelligence Section
Security and Intelligence Division

1 Incl.
SofI, Dist. #3, dtd 13 Oct 44, re: Regular Meeting, We, the Mothers Mobilize for America, Inc., Kimball Hall, Jackson and Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., 10 Oct 44.

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(Office of Headquarters)
Chicago 6, Illinois

District No. 3
(Place)

20 October 1944
(Date)

Subject: Regular Meeting of We, the Mothers Mobilize, Kimball Bldg., Jackson & Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill., 17 October 1944.

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Summary of Information:

The following information was received by a reliable informant:

"There were 17 persons present when the meeting was called to order. Fourteen were women and 3 were men. The forum opened at 8:50 P.M. when ( ), Corresponding Secretary of We, the Mothers, made an appeal to the audience for funds in order to be able to print 40,000 copies of the "Womens Voice" official organ of this organization. She further stated that the reason for this large amount of papers is that 10,000 or more copies will be sent into the Third Congressional District and distributed to the voters, to help the campaign of Congressman Busbey for reelection. She claimed that the C.I.O. and the Communists are contemplating spending $75,000 in order to defeat Mr. Busbey. They will also send 10,000 or more copies into the Sixth Congressional District in order to help ( ), who is running for election for Congress from that district. She also asked the members of We, the Mothers to go into the various neighborhoods where these two men are running for office and help in a house to house campaign to get votes for them. She then asked for votes for ( ) and ( ) ( ), then offerred for sale literature and stated that the money derived from this source would go to buy stamps to help mail the rest of the copies of Womens Voice. She then called for a collection which was taken up and amounted to about $5.00. She then announced that if they could secure a circulation of 50,000 copies of Womens Voice per issue, a publishing company would print and mail it for them freeof charge for the advertising they would derive from it.

"There was a question and answer period at this time relative to the United States Constitution. Several persons in the audience ridiculed President Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt. All present agreed to work for the election of Thomas E. Dewey.

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"The meeting ended in a orderly manner at 10:00 P.M."

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23 October 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO:
SPJIB 080

Mr. Spencer J. Drayton
Special Agent in Charge, FBI
P. O. Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The inclosed communication is forwarded for your information.

For the Director:

Very truly yours,

( )

Actg. Chief, Domestic Intelligence Section
Security and Intelligence Division

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SofI, Dist. #3, dtd 19 Oct 44, re: Regular Meeting of We, the Mothers Mobilize, Kimball Bldg., Jackson & Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., 17 October 1944.

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Chicago, 6, Illinois
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31 October 1944
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Subject: Weekly Meeting, "We the Mothers" Kimball Hall, Room 730, Jackson & Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill., 24 October 1944; 8:35 PM

Summary of Information:

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The following information was received by a reliable informant:

"There were 29 women and 6 men present when this meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lyrl Van Hyning, President of the We, the Mothers Mobilize for America, organization. Mrs. Van Hyning acted as chairman for this meeting and requested the audience to recite the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

"The main speaker of the evening was ( ) an attorney recently tried by the Federal Government for Sedition. The Supreme Court found him not guilty of the criminal charges. He now must stand trial in Washington on another count of subversion.

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( ) opened his address with the statement that, 'He was glad to appear once more before this fine organization of We, the Mothers, and said that we are in a tough spot. I mean by that, we Americans. We lost everything we are fighting for. I know you are all anxious to hear about my arrest and indictment on September the 5th, 1942. About 12 men, all FBI agents, took me out of my office and threw me in jail for 5 days. They wouldn't let me notify anyone until they were ready. The whole thing was a fake statement, sworn to by an FBI agent, that I was guilty of Sedition. In reality it was not me that they wanted on that case but a man named ( ) who rented space from me, who did what I was blamed for. However, the FBI was after me for stepping on some big peoples toes legally, and were set to get me. While under arrest I was called anti-everything. But I told them that all I was, was pro-American. You have heard no doubt, of Hitler's Gestapo in Germany, but they have nothing on Roosevelt's FBI Bastards. Every FBI agent was on the job when I was arrested, which was on a Saturday previous to Labor Day, and they knew that I could not go before a

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Judge for at least 4 or 5 days. I was in the company of murderers and thieves at the County Jail, but they were better than the FBI men. After I admitted to bail, I was called in by the United States Secret Service and told that I was the head of a band of saboteurs and that I had certain high officials and the President (Roosevelt) very jittery. In reply to that I stated that, if the President was jittery I was very happy about it. I was then asked by this Secret Service agent, what I thought of the President and his family. To this I replied, They should all be hung. This happened about September 15, 1942.

"( ) then berated the FBI with the vilest of language. This was applauded heartily by the audience. He said that the Secret Service, after investigating me thoroughly, found me okay and a patriotic citizen. I appeared before Commissioner Walker in Federal Court, but they wouldn't allow him to try my case because the Commissioner has known me for several years and thought my case was a farce'. (b)(7)(c)

( ) then ridiculed the Federal Court procedure in this case and also ridiculed the Federal Grand Jury for indicting him. He stated that the evidence against him was planted in his office by 'the people who wanted me sent to jail'. 'I was not only indicted once, but I was fraudulently indicted twice. Federal Judge Holly was picked to try my case and he is about as good as you can find out of a bad mess of Federal Judges'. ( ) then elaborated on the procedure of his trial. Said it was a conspiracy and a farce, perpetrated by the Chicago Title and Trust Company and a Bar Association because of certain legal procedures that he undertook in representing in Federal Court certain groups of individuals and received reimbursement for them, but that this hurt these two associations. He blames them for all his troubles. 'The United States Circuit Court of Appeals voided this part of his trial and announced him Not Guilty but he is still being tried on other charges pertaining to subversive activities. By this finding of not guilty on these charges it means that the FBI are liars and that they did frame me. The criminal end of this case is over, but the rest of it isn't, so we shall wait. Now I want to thank the audience for their kind help during my trial and I hope to be with you again soon.

"A collection was then called for by Mrs. Van Hyning. It amounted to about $10,00[illegible].

"Mrs. Van Hyning then stated to the effect that we must defeat the New Deal and we must help ( ), who is running as an Independent candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket. She stated that ( ) was not a stooge for any major political party. The President never told the truth about anything, said Mrs. Van Hyning, and we must vote for Dewey to repudiate the New Deal. She then asked the women to donate a few hours each day from now to November 7th to distribute the Women's Voice in ( ) district in behalf of his campaign. (b)(7)(c)

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"The meeting ended at 10:15 PM in an orderly manner."

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Chicago, 6, Illinois
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8 November 1944
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SPJIB 080

Subject: The Regular Meeting of We, the Mothers Mobilize, Kimball Hall, Rm 730, Jackson & Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. 31 October 1944.

Summary of Information:

Mrs. Lyrl Van Hyning, speaking to a 16-man audience at the weekly meeting of We, the Mothers Mobilize, Inc., Chicago on 31 October, told about an article published in the organization's newspaper, "Womans Voice" that referred to Mayor Edward J. Kelly as a Nazi mayor. The assertion against Kelly was made on the grounds that at a ward meeting of the Democratic Party he allegedly stated that Roosevelt would be re-elected President and that he might be our first World President.

Mrs. Van Hyning suggested sending a telegram to Governor Dewey demanding that the Presidential candidate reveal his stand on Communism, ridiculed the English and Lend Lease and verbally lashed at Russia.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a woman known as ( ), announced that since 1 November was a religious day for Catholic people, that she and another woman were going to distribute the "Womens Voice" in front of several churches in the Sixth Congressional District in support of candidate( ) Mrs. Van Hyning called for the defeat of the New Deal and asked for the election of Dewey and Bricker She said that We, the Mothers were disappointed in Gerald L. K. Smith because he was seeking Michigan votes for himself and candidates he is sponsoring and was threatening the chances of re-election of Clare Hoffman of that state.

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Subject: Regular Meeting of We, the Mothers Mobilize Studio "D" - 188 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois - 8:10 P.M. —

Summary of Information:

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The following information was received from a reliable informant:

"The attendance included 120 women and 20 men. There was no admission charge. Chairman Mrs. Lyrl Van Hyning, president of the organization. The meeting opened with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer by the audience. Followed by the singing of the National Anthem, with a salute to the American Flag.

"Mrs. Van Hyning was the only speaker of the evening. The theme of her speech was a report on the San Francisco Convention. In her opening address she stated, 'The San Francisco conference was unconstitutional and that at first the Mothers organization was not going to be represented. Suddenly we remembered the Versailles treaty and Mr. Woodrow Wilson and how that conference was cut and dried just as this one is. We decided it was time for us to attend this conference and see what we could do to avert a repitition of Woodrow Wilson's mistakes.' She then urged the audience to read Robert Lansing's book on the Versailles Conference. She then described her poor trip, by train, to San Francisco and how our armed men suffer when riding on those trains. Upon her arrival in San Francisco, she interviewed ( ) of the Catholic faith who wrote the book 'Red Fascism'. She stated that he was a very understanding man, and that he had told her that Senator Vandenberg sold out the United States to Molotov the Russian Ambassador before he left for his native country.

"She also spoke to several representatives of the smaller nations, in their own rooms, and the first ones she talked with were the Arabians. She told these Arabians that the United States politicians are only expressing about 15% of the American peoples views while

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the other 85% of the American people were in sympathy with the Arabians. She visited these delegates with (female) leader of the San Francisco We, the Mothers organization and they learned that the smaller nations are looking towards the United States for justice but they are not getting it.

"On the second night of their stay at San Francisco they had a meeting of the We, the Mothers group and about 12 representatives were there and laid plans for future work. 'We have been called anti-Semitic and that is one reason I went to see the representatives of the Semitic races first and to find out first hand, what Semitism is. I found out that these Semitic peoples are called anti-Semites themselves. These people agreed with me that lend-lease is wrong. At least we had a common ground to air our views. One reason I can give you for their attitude is that they have been set aside at this convention as though they did not exist. For the Mothers convention, the 14, 15, and 16th of June, I have invited four foreigners of different faith to speak for our group and to let you decide whether the Mothers organization is anti-Semitic or not. I have also found out that some of these small countries never borrow from the International Bankers.

"Another very interesting fact I found was when I spoke to a representative of the Spanish government and he told me that at a dinner given recently he sat next to a Rabbi's wife and she told him that she was collecting clothing for Spanish refugees in Mexico. How can a Spanish government be anti-Ally when Spain is furnishing 25,000 men every day for rebuilding English ships in Gibralter and being paid with English money. The only excuse for this is that Britain is double crossing everybody. Another fact I found was that Finland is unable to buy food in the United States for some unknown reason and she was the only nation who paid war debt after the last war. I also spoke to a Polish delegate who claimed that Russia stabbed Poland in the back when she attacked Poland instead of protecting her. We also found out that South America is not Communistic. On May 18th, we had a conference at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco where I lived and a resolution was passed that the American people will never be able to weigh their own responsiblity in this frightful massacre until they know the truth about Pearl Harbor and the ( ) case. Therefore in justice to the living and the dead we demand the complete revelation of the Pearl Harbor disgrace and the British imprisonment of the American citizen ( ) contrary to International Law.

"She claimed that the San Francisco conference was a British colonization scheme. She then read a few of her ideas on how to prevent future wars and claimed publically that the We, the Mothers organization obtained an affidavit for $25.00 from a man in San Francisco who claimed

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postitively that he had proof that Pearl Harbor was a man made job by the British and the United States government. We do not object to the Jewish peoples claim for a homeland but where should it be? Is it right for them to ask for Palestine when for the last 4000 years it has been ruled by Christians and Moslems alike? Let the conference find a homeland for the Jews. The British people have broken every promise they ever made and namely the Balfour declaration which was supposed to have given a homeland to the Jews after the last war. They promised the Jews Palestine but they also promised Palestine to the Arabs and neither one of them got it. There are two Zionists groups, one called the Cultural Zionists, they are satisfied to let Palestine stay under the present government as long as they are not molested. Then there is the Political Zionists; they want to form a national government and an independent state. They are backed by the capitolists.

"I want to warn the white people of the world that unless they form a lasting peace, the Colored races are in a position to arm themselves and in time will destroy the White race. Our only aim should be the preservation of the Constitution and a lasting peace.

"Following this a collection was called for which amounted to about $200.00. A few musical selections were rendered and Mrs. Van Hyning reminded the audience that a convention which will be held next week is national in scope and they expect representatives from 48 states of the Union. She also stated that this was the only organization functioning today on a National scale.

"The meeting closed at 10:30 P.M. in an orderly manner."

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Dear Sir:

The enclosed Summary of Information, subject: "Regular Meeting of We, the Mothers Mobilize", is forwarded for your information and such action as you deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

Chief, Domestic Intelligence Section,
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14 July 1945
(Date)

Subject:

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Summary of Information:

The following information was received from a reliable informant:

"There were 95 women and 15 men, one of which was colored, and 6 Korean men, present when the meeting was called to order at 8:35 PM. There was no admission charge. The chairwoman was Mrs. Lyrl Van Hyning, president of this organization. A colored minister read the invocation. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the Flag after which ( ) Chinese, led in the signing of the National Anthem. ( ) then sang the Korean National Anthem.

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"Mrs. Van Hyning made the opening address and welcomed the audience. She praised the Declaration of Independence and read parts of this to the audience. She then advised the audience to buy literature which explained several acts of our Congress etc. etc. She spoke bitterly against the San Francisco charter and told the audience to write to their Senators and Congressmen to vote against this charter. She claimed the charter destroyed the Monroe Doctrine. She then introduced ( ) of Detroit, Michigan, who in turn introduced the first and main speaker of the evening.

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( ) stated that she met the speaker at San Francisco during the conference and urged them to come to Chicago to speak for the Mothers organization. She related a few facts about the speakers background, and that he was a graduate physician and surgeon from the Colorado University and then introduced ( ) Field Director General Korean-American Council, as the speaker.

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( ) opened his address stating that it was a great privilege to speak before such an audience and asked the question whether half of the world should be free and half slaves, meaning Asia and the Western World. He praised the American people for fair play and hope that his people would be free as a result of the San Francisco Conference. He said

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that Korea was an historical country with a population of 30 million and that it was a peninsula of the Eastern Asia mainland. He than described the Korean country and cited a few proverbs, however he said that he liked our living conditions better. He said that at the present time there is no Korean liberty because Japan enslaved the Korean people. He then spoke about many intellectual and scientific and political achievements of the Korean people. He claimed that Korea at one time defeated Japan and won her liberty but the world has a short memory. He then spoke on the United States - Korean treaty of 1883 which was later discarded. Despite this fact the Korean Government knew of Japanese treachery and warned the United States about Japan and her aims periodically from 1912 up to as late as 1940. In 1941, after December 7th, when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor the Korean people asked the United States for arms so that they could fight on our side. The United States told them that they could not give these arms as it might antagonize the Japanese Government - and this was after December 7th. Japan destroyed the League of Nations, she encouraged hatred and war. Therefore I am asking you people of this nation, not to hate other people of the world. It is time for all good thinking people of the world to rise now and act, not to sit back because freedom is a wonderful thing. All great nations must show impartiality to smaller ones. Korea would like to do her share in the fight for freedom on the side of the Allies. The Korean people do not want to be given away to another master in slavery after this war. Korea if freed, can and is able to take care of itself. She is self sufficient. Korean people hope that the San Francisco Conference will be just; that Korea will be a free nation and not a protectorate of a mandate. The Allies can't even take care of Berlin, they have it split up into four parts. Korea should be given a chance to govern herself. Individuals and nations must be taught to respect the freedom of each other. Great Britain Imperialism made a mistake in Asia - I hope it will not be repeated now. The war with Germany is over, but the war over Germany has just begun. Communism and Lenin's teachings many years ago was to take Germany and make it into a Communistic state through the masses. Russian treaties are mere political movements and Communism, Fascism and Nazilism have no place in this world.'

"Following this speech a collection was taken up which amounted to several dollars.

"The meeting closed at 10:35 P.M. in an orderly manner.

"Observed at the meeting were such well known figures as ( ) former head of the German-American National Alliance, ( ) organizer of the Veterans of World War 2, a Gerald L.K. Smith organization, in the Chicago area, ( ) recently defeated candidate for Congress and a dissemination of anti-Semitic and anti-Administration literature whose mother is recording secretary of the We, the Mothers organization and ( ) of Detroit, Michigan, leader of a Women's organization in Detroit."

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